



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Botstein et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C3
Serial No.: 09/990,438 Group Art Unit: 1646
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NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on February 3, 2005; therefore this response is timely filed and is accompanied with a Petition for Extension of time for four months with necessary fees. Attached herewith is a Declaration by Audrey Goddard, Ph.D. Entry of this declaration and consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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